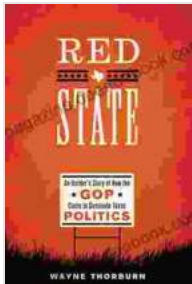


# An Insider Story Of How The Gop Came To Dominate Texas Politics: Jack And Doris



## Red State: An Insider's Story of How the GOP Came to Dominate Texas Politics (Jack and Doris Smothers Series in Texas History, Life, and Culture Book 42)

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In the early 1990s, the Republican Party was on the rise in Texas. The GOP had made significant gains in the state legislature, and in 1994, George W. Bush was elected governor. But it was not until the late 1990s and early 2000s that the GOP truly came to dominate Texas politics.

One of the key figures in the GOP's rise to power in Texas was Jack Abramoff. Abramoff was a lobbyist who had close ties to Republican leaders in Washington, D.C. He also had a close relationship with Tom DeLay, the powerful Republican congressman from Texas.

Abramoff and DeLay worked together to raise money for Republican candidates in Texas. They also used their influence to help pass legislation that benefited their corporate clients.

In 2005, Abramoff was convicted of corruption charges. DeLay was also indicted on corruption charges, but he was acquitted at trial.

Despite the scandals involving Abramoff and DeLay, the GOP continued to dominate Texas politics. In 2006, Republican Rick Perry was elected governor. Perry served as governor for 14 years, and he was succeeded by Greg Abbott in 2015.

The GOP's dominance of Texas politics has been due in part to a number of factors. One factor is the state's demographics. Texas is a large and diverse state, but it is also a relatively conservative state. This has made it difficult for Democrats to win statewide elections.

Another factor in the GOP's success has been its ability to mobilize its base. The GOP has been very effective at getting its voters to the polls on Election Day. This has been a key factor in the party's ability to win close elections.

Finally, the GOP has benefited from the support of business interests in Texas. The GOP has been very supportive of business-friendly policies, and this has helped the party to maintain the support of the state's business community.

The GOP's dominance of Texas politics is likely to continue for the foreseeable future. The party has a strong base of support in the state, and

it is well-organized and well-funded. The Democrats will need to make significant gains in Texas if they want to regain control of the state.

## **Jack and Doris**

Jack and Doris Abramoff were a couple who played a major role in the GOP's rise to power in Texas. Jack was a lobbyist, and Doris was a political consultant. The couple had close ties to Republican leaders in Washington, D.C., and they used their influence to help pass legislation that benefited their corporate clients.

In 2005, Jack Abramoff was convicted of corruption charges. Doris Abramoff was also indicted on corruption charges, but she was acquitted at trial.

Despite the scandals involving the Abramoffs, the GOP continued to dominate Texas politics. The party has benefited from a number of factors, including the state's demographics, its ability to mobilize its base, and the support of business interests.

## **Karl Rove**

Karl Rove was a key figure in the GOP's rise to power in Texas. Rove was a political consultant who worked for George W. Bush's presidential campaigns. He also served as Bush's senior advisor during his presidency.

Rove is a master of political strategy, and he played a major role in the GOP's success in Texas. He helped to develop the party's message, and he organized its grassroots efforts.

Rove is a controversial figure, but there is no doubt that he was a key player in the GOP's rise to power in Texas.

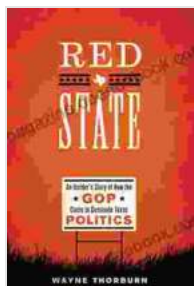
## Tom Delay

Tom Delay was a powerful Republican congressman from Texas. He served as the House Majority Leader from 2003 to 2005.

Delay was a close ally of Jack Abramoff, and he used his influence to help pass legislation that benefited Abramoff's clients.

In 2005, Delay was indicted on corruption charges. He was acquitted at trial, but he was forced to resign from Congress.

Delay's fall from grace did not derail the GOP's dominance of Texas politics. The party has continued to benefit from a number of factors, including the state's demographics, its ability to mobilize its base, and the support of business interests.



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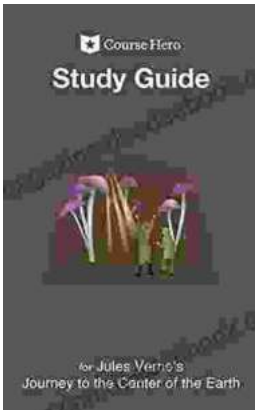
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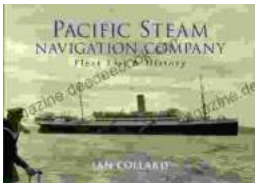
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